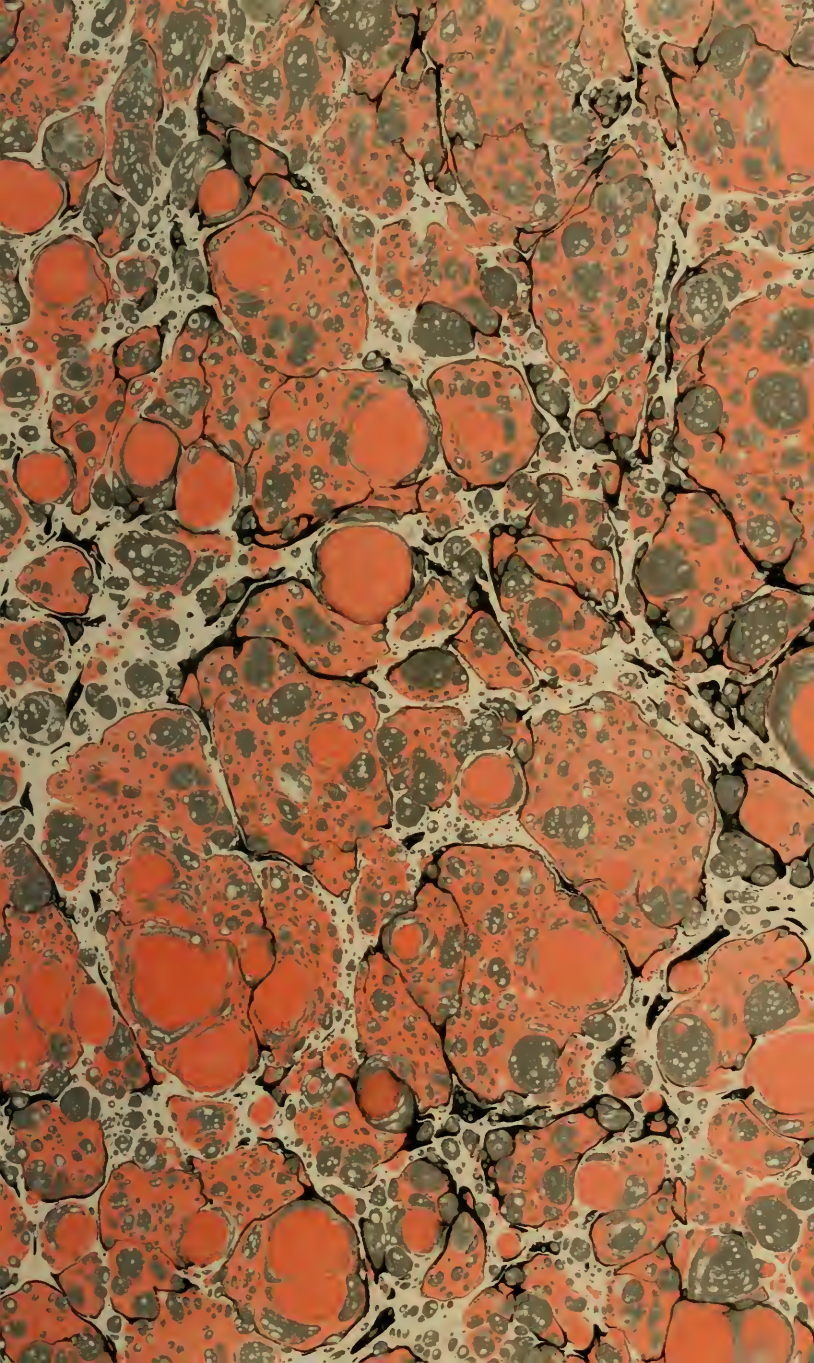

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Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEN we reflect on Your Conſummate Prudence, and the Generous Concern You have Expreſſed for the Common Cauſe, on Your Readineſs in Proſecuting the War, and Your Conduct in Procuring Peace, when we Examine the Difficulties You have met with, from thoſe at Home, who Deſire nothing ſo much as an Alteration of our Conſtitution, and from thoſe Abroad, who have nothing ſo much at Heart as their

own Intereſt; We cannot but joyn unanimouſly to Thank Your Majeſty, though all the Acknowledgements we can make are too little, and ſhall endeavour to Obey Your Majeſty in every Thing You ſhall Command, though all the Obedience we can Pay can never be too much.

We muſt, we are obliged, to put a Confidence in Your Majeſty, who has done ſo great Things for us; and as no Nation under Heaven was ever Bleſſed with a more Wiſe and a more Pious Sovereign, ſo we ſhall do our utmoſt, that no Sovereign in the World ſhall Boaſt of a more Dutiful and more Grateful People.

If there are any among us, any abandoned Remnant of Your Seditious Subjects, any who dare Aſſert, or ſo much as entertain a Thought to Your Majeſty's Diſadvantage, they are the worſt of Men; Villains of the deepeſt Dye, and the moſt extravagant Injuſtice; whom neither Honour or Conſcience can prevail upon, whom the moſt unheard of Goodneſs and Condeſcenſion can never mollifie, or the moſt fearful Puniſhment reclaim.

Is it not enough that they have continued us in War, that they have brought us upon the very Brink of Ruine, that they have Bought and Sold us at Pleaſure,

and

and Robbed and Plundered us without Controul; is it not enough that they have done this? But do they ſtill Endeavour to obſtruct a Peace? Do they ſtill Cabal, and Rave, and *Proteſt* againſt it? Do they Labour ſtill as much to Deſtroy, as Your Majeſty to Preſerve us? This is what nothing can Account for, but ſuch a Compoſition of Madneſs and Folly, of Malice and Indiſcretion, as never any Faction but themſelves were guilty of.

The Affronts and Indignities they are every Day offering to Your Majeſty, the Arts and Stratagems, by which they are endeavouring to miſrepreſent, traduce and blacken Your Sacred Perſon and Your Intentions, and the Lies and Calumnies, the Contradictions and Falſities, by which they would aſperſe and vilify, and defeat Your Miniſtry and their Proceedings; The Uneaſineſs they have already given You, and the Fears and Jealouſies they are always raiſing among Your People, are Crimes indeed ſo notorious in themſelves, and of ſuch a Nature, that none, but the ſame Queen who has paſſed over their former Villanies with ſo much Clemency, would have endured with ſo much Patience.

To govern with Wisdom and Vigilance, to keep Engagements with their Allies, to be constant to their Resolutions for the publick Service, and faithful to their Promises, are the Character of those Princes who have been the Ornament of the Age they lived in, and the Nursing-Fathers of their People; as to detect the Guilty, to redress the Injured, to deliver Nations from Wars and Bloodshed, from Ravages and Oppression, are the undoubted Evidences of an able, as well as faithful Ministry; and in all these Your Majesty and Ministers exceed the utmost of our Wishes and Expectations; and if these are Crimes, as undoubtedly they are in their Opinion, You deserve to be insulted, and have given sufficient Reason for the Noise and Clamour of a desperate, ridiculous, contriving Faction.

Happy it would be, if Measures could be so contrived, as to put an effectual Stop to Reflection on the Government, and all the Sedition that is daily published; but this, May it please Your Majesty, can never be, while they have Hands to write or Tongues to speak, or Ears to hear: As every Hand that is engaged in such a Controversy may be properly said to be lifted up in Rebellion, so every Mouth amongst

mongſt them is a Mint of Scandal, and every Tongue, a living Libel upon Your Majeſty.

Times and Manners muſt be unqueſtionably at the loweſt Ebb, and in the wildeſt Diſorder and Confuſion, when we have thoſe in the Sen--te who will Vote in the Defence of Robbery, as if it was one of their firſt Principles, and a Villain of Figure ſhall be careſſed by them, as a Man of Probity and Virtue: When there are thoſe among them who will ſwallow the moſt direct Abſurdities as they can digeſt a Bribe, condemn the Innocent, or free the Guilty out of Favour or Diſlike: When the loweſt Comm--ners ſhall preſume to teach Your Majeſty, and point out the Meaſures You ſhould take, and Pr---tes can employ their Time no better, than in Cant and Whining, in raiſing Suſpicions and Diſtruſts, and in libelling the Government.

However, *MADAM*, like a Paradox it may ſeem, we beg Leave to repreſent to Your Majeſty, as the General Opinion of Your Loyal Subjects, that we have Go---rs in our Church who have all along endeavoured its Subverſion, and thoſe who have been thought our greateſt Patriots, have been in Reality our greateſt Enemies.

This has been the Aim, and these the Designs of these People, of Your very Servants, who have been Your greatest Favourites, and on whom Your Majesty has bestowed the greatest Honours; who were raised by Your Self and Family, from the lowest Birth and Fortune, to the highest Pitch of Wealth and Grandeur, and had they known what Use to have made of Your Esteem and Favour, might have been the Instruments of the greatest Good, and a lasting Happiness to Your Self and Kingdoms: But this is so far at present from their Thoughts, to such an Height of Impiety and Ingratitude are they arrived, that all the Interest Your Majesty has given them, all the Riches they enjoy, and all the Power they can command, are employed against Your Self; Your Peace is to be obstructed, Your Nation ruined, and Your Majesty dethroned by those, who, if all the sacred Ties of Honour, or the Obligations of Conscience, were ever binding, if all the Royal Favours You have bestowed, or the mighty Blessings they have received, are ever to be acknowledged, have all the Reason in the World to sacrifice themselves, their Lives and Fortunes, for the Sake of such a Queen, who out of a Goodness, peculiar only to Herself, has so faithfuly

fully protected, so generously advanced, and at this Time is so unwilling to chastise them.

When our All---s have been deficient in their *Quota's*, when they have been guilty of the most notorious Breach of Faith, of Promise or Alliance, when they have imposed on us in our Payments and Subsidies, and in all our Contracts and Engagements, to be told, 'tis a Breach of Faith to discover theirs, that we ought to use them, as if they had performed every Agreement they have broke; that Your Majesty is the Aggressor for resolving to let them know yourSentiments, and those about YouTreacherous, for detecting the Impostor; Is such a Way of confounding Right and Wrong, all the Notions that Religion or common Honesty have instilled in us, and proceeds from such a Mixture of Principles and Practices, without any Manner of Reason and Foundation, and such a Sort of Men or rather Monsters, the Abettors of them, without any Sense of their Duty or Allegiance, that no Age of Christianity can produce the like, and a Heathen Government would blush to own.

What shall we call these People? Or how shall we be able to express their Guilt? Villain, Traitor, Rebel, or Incendiary

dinary, or All at once, are too little for them: Our Language or any other is unable to describe the Heighnousness of their Designs, who would neglect our Trade, and impoverish our Landed Interest, enslave our Government, and introduce a Medley of Religions, and basely submit themselves to the Arbitrary Will of a *Foreign Commonwealth*, rather than enjoy all the Liberty a Subject can desire or expect, under Your Majesty's auspicious Reign, and the Administration of the best of Princes.

By the Peace You have condescended to Communicate, You have enlarged the Limits of Your Empire, and answered in it all our Hopes and Expectations; and yet, *MADAM*, There are those who tell us they could have gained more; who boast in squandering away the Publick Money, and sacrificing the Lives of Millions to no Purpose; who glory in their Shame, and triumph in the Ruin of their Country; but they stand Convicted by their own Mouths, and Self-condemned by their own Infamous Proceedings.

What Tortures can be sufficient? What Punishment too severe for such Persons? Shall not the same Vengeance fall upon their Heads, as they designed, as they attempted

tempted, as they have in some Measure executed upon their Fellow-Subjects? How can they Answer it to themselves, to the Present, or to Future Ages, to neglect so glorious an Opportunity, when Providence seemed purposely to have designed it for them, to slip the making an advantagious Peace, when their Enemies would have compounded it almost at any Terms; When the Inclemency of the Season had as much Dispirited them, as the Bravery of our Troops; and they laboured under the greatest Dearth and Scarcity they ever felt, or perhaps may ever feel again. If any People deserve the Justice of an Ax or Gibbet, those certainly are inexcusable, who, by their Neglect or Treachery, have given Time to our Enemies in some Measure to retrieve their Losses and Misfortunes; who have acted without any Manner of Regard to the Honour of their Sovereign, or the Interest of their Native Country; who have betrayed us into a War, prodigiously Expensive, and would now betray us into a Peace, as Ignominious.

Your Majesty has as yet passed over their Misdemeanors with Impunity, and the Legislature have thought sufficient barely to Expose them; but the Nation, *MADAM*,

Your

Your faithful Subjects, all the Provinces of *Albinia* wait impatiently for Your avenging Sword, which you can never bear in Vain. If Your Majesty displeases them, if You act a little contrary to their Schemes, if You are *Disobedient to Your Subjects*, as is the Style of their Language, You deserve to be punished for Your *Mismanagement*, and deposed for Your *Rebellion*. This is the best Usage You must expect for Your Compassion and Clemency; the best that You can expect from those who would put a greater Restraint upon Your Majesty, than upon any of Your Subjects, from those, who hold that the same Crimes ought to be connived at in a private Person, as deserve not the least Mercy in the Person of a Prince.

But these, *MADAM*, are far from our Sentiments: We acknowledge, in the highest Manner possible, the Favours and Protection You have been pleased to grant us; and we think we cannot better acquit our Selves of the Respect we owe You, and the Character we would be Thought to glory in, of Good and Loyal Subjects, than by paying all the Deference we ought to Pay to any of the Royal Blood; to that Branch especially,

who,

who, according to the Laws, and Your Majesty's Desire, are appointed to succeed in these Kingdoms: But we are tied by Inclination to Your Service, by the Allegiance we have Sworn, and by the Laws of God and Man to Maintain and Support Your Title, and take up Arms in Your Defence; and do declare to all the World, That while Your Majesty is Alive, and upon the Throne, no Heir by Law, no Successor, has any Thing to do with us: The Faction who would bring them in, any otherwise than upon Your Majesty's Demise, are guilty of the Breach of Law, and the highest Treason and Rebellion; as Any one who would ascend the Throne before his Time, deserves as much the Name of a Pretender, as he who endeavours it without a Title.

We think our selves oblig'd to tell Your Majesty, that if the Peace should be obstructed, or your Intentions for the public Good defeated by any Person whatsoever, we can never think him either our Friend or our Ally: When our Religion or Liberties, our Trade and Commerce are at Stake, which must be lost entirely if the Peace should be broke off: Those People who would force, or frighten You into their Measures, who would claim the Superiority

ority of adjusting and managing your Affairs, and exercise an arbitrary Power over those they have no Authority to command: Those People, who would oppose Your Majesty, or Countenance Your Opposers, can never be said to act for our Interest.

We know no other Obedience than what we owe Your Majesty, and we shall pay the same Obedience to Your Successors, when invested with the same Authority, which we hope none but our Posterity shall live to see: It is our Glory as well as Happiness, to live under the Reign of such a Monarch, whose Inclinations are agreeable to Her Peoples Wishes; and we cannot but flatter our selves, that the Behaviour of Your seditious Subjects, will at present give us a better Opportunity of shewing our Loyalty to your Majesty, and our Abhorrence of their Designs.

Other Princes, out of a false Notion of Honour, and a Desire to be recorded to Posterity for the Reputation of their Arms and Courage, may have commenced a War only to have the Glory of being Conquerors, for the enlarging their Dominions, and encroaching on their Neighbours Rights, may have unpeopled Countries, and thrown away their Subjects Lives at Random,

Random, to feed the Hopes of their Avarice, or the Luſt of their Ambition: But Your Majeſty is of another Principle; the Security of our Trade, the Liberties of our Allies, and the Checking a prevailing Power, that might in all Probability have given them ſome Diſturbance; the ſettling a Ballance between Princes and Potentates, and reſtoring them to the quiet Poſſeſſion of their Rights and Privileges according to the Rules of Equity and Juſtice, were the only Ends Your Majeſty propoſed, by a tedious and expenſive War; the Tranquility and Repoſe of all the World, and the Safety and Happineſs of Your People were Your chiefeſt Aim; Your Conqueſts were extended only for the Sake of Peace, and the Slavery of Your Neighbours was as far from Your Intentions, as Tyranny at Home, or the Perſecution of Your Subjects.

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